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Re: OLA/13-03186 (F)
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Dear Mr. Morisy:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated May 6, 2013, and received in this Office on May 15, 2013, in which you requested correspondence from the Department to congressional committees from 2008 to the present. This response is made on behalf of the Office of Legislative Affairs.

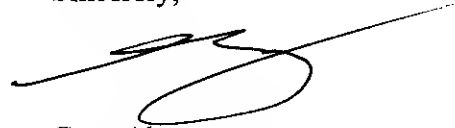
Pursuant to our telephone conversation and e-mail correspondence on June 10, 2013, you agreed to narrow the scope of your request to correspondence from the Department to the chairperson of the House and Senate Intelligence Committees from 2009 to the present, and correspondence from the Department to the chairperson of the House and Senate Judiciary Committees from 2011 to the present.

We have initiated a search of the Departmental Executive Secretariat, which maintains certain OLA records, including records of Departmental correspondence. Because the records you seek contain information of interest to other Department components, we can respond only after consulting with those components regarding their information. See 28 C.F.R. § 16.4(c)(1) (2012). Accordingly, your request presents "unusual circumstances" under the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. 552 § (a)(6)(B)(i)-(iii). Because of these unusual circumstances, we need to extend the time limit to respond to your request beyond the ten additional days provided by the statute. The time needed to complete our processing of your request will necessarily depend on the complexity of our records search and on the volume and complexity of any records located. For your information, this Office assigns incoming requests to one of three tracks: simple, complex, or expedited. Each request is then handled on a first-in, first-out basis in relation to other requests in the same track. Simple requests usually receive a response in about a month, whereas complex requests necessarily take longer. At this time, your request has been assigned to the complex track. In an effort to speed up our records search, you may wish to narrow the scope of your request to limit the number of potentially responsive records or agree to an alternative time frame for processing, should records be located; or you may wish to await the completion of our records search to discuss either of these options.

We have not yet made a decision on your request for a fee waiver. We will do so after we determine whether fees will be assessed for this request.

I regret the necessity of this delay, but I assure you that your request will be processed as soon as possible. If you have any questions or wish to discuss reformulation or an alternative time frame for the processing of your request, you may contact me by telephone at the above number or you may write to me at the Office of Information Policy, United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001. Lastly, you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison at the telephone number listed above to discuss any aspect of your request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Greg Alvarez', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Greg Alvarez
FOIA Specialist